

There has been many an "unpleasantness" which Christian business tact might have averted, and many a sister may be mistrusted simply because she is not guided nor assisted. She who keeps the books should never fail on entries, she who holds the funds should always keep her credits and her debits balanced. But to do this sisters we must see that there's money there to be balanced. And she who may be president should have the skill to guide and lead, and should use that skill with justice.

Have we, in any of these things failed? Have we been a little delinquent, easy going or forgetful? perhaps: but if we have, the time has come when we should call upon our souls to rise up in all the power of broad, deep consecrated womanhood, and give to God, to church, to land, and home, the best of life itself.

Just a band of women  
Working for the Lord,  
Are we working, Sisters  
Faithful to His word?  
If we have been thoughtless  
Let us prayerful be,  
He who hears will answer  
Calls from you and me.

We are so much needed,  
Do not let us fail.  
From earth's sin and sorrow  
Comes a bitter wail.  
Zion's walls need strengthening  
Shall we do our part?  
Are we weak in purpose?  
Are we faint at heart?

Resting time is coming  
Let us work till then,  
Days that now are passing  
Cannot come again.  
God and heaven are waiting,  
Yonder is a home,  
Let us all be faithful  
Till we'er told to come.

## The Christian Life

### Assurance

SUSIE P. ELDER

It comes to me more and more,  
Each day as I pass along:  
The love of the Father eternal  
Is over us, tender and strong.

'Tis not alone in the sunshine  
Our lives grow pure and true;  
There is growth as well in the shadow,  
And pain has a work to do.

A message comes in the heartache,  
A whisper of love in the pain;  
The pang we have fought and conquered  
Tells the sweet story of gain.

So it comes to me more and more,  
As I enter upon each new day:  
The love of the Father eternal  
Is over us, all the way.

—The Examiner.

### Lift up Your Eyes

Bishop Huntington.

The upper world is no farther off than it was of old when its splendors shone on the heads of patriarchs and apostles, and on the hills of Judea whence their help came. Heaven does not hide itself; it is we that hide it. The gates are never shut, a day or night, and they open into your houses, your

workshops, your streets, your schools, your closets, your congregations. Strong and steadfast, cheerful and contented, no matter how hard-worked, are they who are mindful of its nearness, sure of its reality, conscious of its helping and inspiring "power." Among all the popular "liberalities" of our day, why should we not be more liberal and abundant in faith? Whatever our private failures, in courage, temper, charity, the good and perfect gift of pardon comes down to every soul that seeks it. Lift up your eyes! Whatever the tokens of public welfare, liberty, safety, plenty or power displayed around us—not unto us, but unto the "Name that is above every name," give glory!

### The Man of God

Christian Advocate.

The man of God believes in God. He believes that God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. This belief is a profound conviction which controls his entire life. His faith in God is so strong that he trusts in Him implicitly at all times. He is sure that God is near, that He cares for His people, that He will never leave them nor forsake them, and this assurance is an anchor which holds his soul steadfast and unmovable.

He belongs to God. He recognizes the sovereign right of Jehovah in all his talents, all his time, all his service. He is not his own master. He calls no man master. He serves no party. He is not subservient. He is an independent and free man. He has surrendered himself to Him to whom he rightfully belongs, and sealed that covenant by a solemn vow. His soul and body, his will and affections, his possessions and life are all the Lord's. He is a man of God.

He is the servant of God. He is not ashamed to bear the yoke and acknowledge that he is not his own master. Freedom does not consist in the absence of all sovereignty and dominion, but in cheerful submission to rightful authority. No man is capable of absolute self-mastery. No one could be safe in his own hands. Mr. D. L. Moody often declared that if the Almighty should offer him the privilege of having his own way, he would unhesitatingly decline it in favor of God's way; "for," said he, "His way is infinitely better than my way." One of the greatest of modern preachers once said, "It seems good to have one's own way; but there is one thing better still: that is, not to have one's own way." The man of God is the servant of God, not by constraint, but willingly. The song of his heart is:

"'Tis my delight Thy face to see,  
And serve the cause of such a Friend."

The man of God bears His image. He is like God. Born again by the Holy Ghost, he is a new creature. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." He is a spiritual man. His will, his conscience, his affections, his mental powers are no longer of the earth earthy. Love, joy, peace, meekness, gentleness, patience, godliness, and fidelity char-

acterize his spirit. He not only seeks to know and do the will of God, but the Spirit of God dwells in him, moving him toward holy things. He walks with God, and whatsoever he does is done for the glory of God.

The man of God is a good man, a strong man, a happy man, a useful man. He is not less manly by being a man of God. His mental faculties lose none of their vigor and alertness, his courage is not diminished, his self respect is not destroyed. He has more self-respect, because he knows himself to be a nobler man. He has more courage, because he has nothing to fear. His faculties are more vigorous, because they are in contact with the infinite Mind. His life is more beautiful, because God dwells in him, and he in God.

### The Spiritual and the Secular

Northern Christian Advocate.

The greater portion of most men's thoughts and activity must be developed in secular callings. In and thru their trade, their business, their profession, they are called to serve their fellow men and to glorify God.

Many a man whose daily work seems of a course and material nature has often wished that he could lead what he imagines would be a more religious life; that is, that he could devote his time mainly to specifically spiritual activities or works of mercy and help. It is well for both laymen and ministers to remember that honest industry in the line marked out by one's talent and opportunities is the most practical philanthropy. A big farm, a shipyard, a factory, is worth more to the world than a hospital. There are refuges for the fallen and asylums for the idiotic, the lunatic and the sick; but the foundations of them all rest on the daily labors of the world's workers, and work is the channel thru which come all the amenities and refinements of life as well as the supply of its bodily wants.

### "Jesus Touched Him"

Rev. Cortland Myers, D. D.

One of the electric bells in my house lately refused to ring. I could not discover the cause. A bell-hanger, after some time spent over it, found that right up under the bell, so small as to be almost imperceptible, was a place where, the point of contact was lost. That was the trouble.

And so it is often in the church of Christ. Your batteries are all right in the cellar, your wires and machinery all right. But the point of contact is often defective. That in my judgment, is where the great work of the kingdom of God is to come in—the point of contact. Follow the footsteps of Christ, and you will see that it was thru the point of contact that he did his work. It was thru the marvelous touch of the Son of God. We must go back to first principles, and we find the difficulty just there. There was never better organization, never better working force, never better principles in the church of Christ than there are today. I believe we shall see a brighter day yet for the church.